

**TOWN OF BELFAST
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
01/19/26**

Town Officials present: Andrew Chamberlain, Dixie Middaugh, David Jennings, Rick Smith, Steve Bedwell, Mike Unfus, Jimmy Ace, Damien DaHill, Mary Beth Arnold

Community members present: Randa Harrington, Michelle Calanni, Wende Kenyon, Paul Kenyon, Annie West, Amanda Preston, Russ Calanni

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes were accepted as presented by a motion from Councilman Middaugh and a seconded from Councilman Jennings.

All in favor Carried

The January 6, 2026 Special Meeting minutes were accepted as presented by a motion from Councilman Smith and a seconded from Councilman Bedwell.

All in favor Carried

Town Residents and visitors questions and concerns:

1. No questions or concerns at this time.

Payment of the December bills was approved by a motion from Councilman Smith and a second from Councilman Jennings.

Dixie Middaugh – aye, Dave Jennings – aye, Rick Smith- aye, Steve Bedwell- aye, Andy Chamberlain- aye

All in Favor Carried

General – 003-024	\$24,875.53
Water – 003-010	\$2,504.22
Street Lighting – 1	\$925.74
Highway – 001-028	\$34,804.23

The Town Supervisor's Report, dated December 2025 was approved by a motion from Councilman Smith and a second from Councilman Jennings.

All in Favor Carried

The Town Clerk's Report, dated Jan 5, for the December 2025 accounts, was accepted by a motion from Councilman Jennings and a second from Councilman Bedwell

All in favor

Carried

Damien DaHill's Water report contained the following:

- ☐ See attached Water Department Monthly Report
- ☐ Damien stated that he is getting an appraisal of the value of the ASV RT-75 Skid steer owned by the Water Department, for the purpose of selling it on Auctions International. By next meeting he will have pictures taken and ready for approval.

All in Favor

Carried

Jim Ace's Highway Report contained the following:

See attached Highway Dept Monthly Report

Jimmy stated that he will call R,G&E about the various trees in town that need to be cut down or trimmed away from wires.

Mike Unfus, Code Enforcement Officer was present to discuss items on his monthly MACE report.

See attached Activities Report

Mr. Unfus was questioned about the status of the old 3 BUMS building on Main Street. He will contact the building owner again and issue an Order to Remedy. A Demolition Permit has been issued for the removal of the old Mix trailer.

Belfast Public Library Report

- ☐ Ms. West reported no problems or concerns with the Library Building
- ☐ Stated a Trivia Night fund raiser will be held on January 29th, at the school

Dog Control Report

Dog control officer was not present

Planning Board Report

Amanda Preston and Randa Harrington reiterated the importance of cooperation and input from other agencies such as the Fire Department and Rescue Squad in completing the Battery Energy Storage System local law.

The regular monthly meeting will take place February 9, 2026 at 7pm. The community is welcome to attend these meetings.

Historical Society Report/Town Historian Report

DAR Monument in Angelica, County project, not an Angelica project
Grant funding for 5 Revolutionary War Soldier's markers has been approved in three
cemeteries, for Pomeroy Markers.

Old Business

- ☐ Freed Cook cannot remove the Mix trailer from the town property, further options will be explored to get this completed as soon as possible.
- ☐ Waiting to hear back from Spectrum on the Ring Central phone system
- ☐ Sale of the town property on South Street Ext. A motion by Councilman Middaugh, seconded by Councilman Jennings to accept the high bid from a community member. All in favor Carried

New Business

A motion was made by Councilman Middaugh, seconded by Councilman Bedwell to accept Resolution 004-26, to schedule a Public Hearing on February 23, 2026, at 6 pm, for the discussion of adopting a moratorium for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) to extend it an additional 6 months. All in Favor Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Jennings, seconded by Councilman Middaugh to accept Resolution 005-26, to schedule a Public Hearing on February 23, 2026 at 6:30 pm, for the discussion of adopting a moratorium for "Wastewater Storage Facilities" within the Town of Belfast. All in Favor Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Jennings, seconded by Councilman Bedwell to accept Resolution 006-26, to refer both moratoriums to the County Planning Board. All in Favor Carried

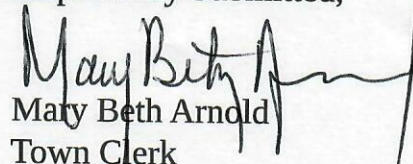
The annual audit of the Town Justice books is upcoming. Councilman Middaugh and Councilman Bedwell will participate in this audit.

Two trees need to be removed from the Town park. We have one quote for \$4,200.00. More quotes will be sought.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm by a motion from Councilman Smith and a second from Councilman Bedwell. All in favor Carried

Next Regular Meeting Date will be February 23, 2026 at 7pm

Respectfully Submitted,


Mary Beth Arnold
Town Clerk

HIGHWAY DEPT.

- 1. PLOW & SAND ROADS**
- 2. HAULED SAND & SALT**
- 3. TOOK DOWN X-MAS TREES IN PARK**
- 4. CUT BRUSH WITH TRACTOR**
- 5. CLEANED UP SNOW ON MAIN STREET & SCHOOL**
- 6. REPAIRED BROKEN EQUIPMENT**
- 7. CLEANED UP DOWNED TREES**
- 8. CLEANED PIPE AT THE SWAMP**
- 9. CUT BRUSH WITH BUCKET TRUCK**

Belfast Water Dept. Monthly Report
January , 2025

- Contacted Turner to install automatic valves at the transfer building.
- John provided updates on the valve control system proposal development.
- He confirmed flow meter placement, eliminated the Singer valve, and is awaiting pricing for transmitters and a butterfly valve.
- Plowed and salted sidewalks.
- Remove Christmas trees.
- Still listening to valves and hydrants around town for possible leaks.
- Checked 83 W Hughes St. for water in the basement.
- Found a service line leak at 87 W. Hughes St. (Fixed)
- 3 Dig notices.
- Contaced D.E.C about water the withdrawal report, have to submit an application to relinquish the permit.
- Installed new hangers for mops and brooms at town hall.
- Helped remove snow from main street.
- Boilers fixed at the town hall.
- Electric fixed at town hall (new outlet, wire run in sleeve)
- Service line replaced at 77 west hughes st.
- Fixed small leak at the meter freeze plate 5036 gleason hill road.
- Waiting for call back to list skid steer on Auction International.

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